

HIGH LEVEL EU CONFERENCE

**THE EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND – DRIVING FACTOR
FOR DEFENCE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION**

NEW WAYS – NEW MEANS – NEW FUNDS

VIENNA, 2 OCTOBER 2018



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Registration: 08:30 – 09:30

Conference: 09:30 – 17:30

CONFERENCE OPENING AND WELCOME ADDRESS

09:30 – 09:40

Moderation: **Erich Prem**, CEO, eutema GmbH

09:40 – 09:50

Mario Kunasek, Federal Minister of Defence, Austria

SETTING THE SCENE – THE POLITICAL CONTEXT

09:50 – 10:45

Video Messages by the European Commission

Jyrki Katainen, Vice-President European Commission

Elżbieta Bieńkowska, Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

Speeches

The European Defence Fund – The Parliaments View

Prof. Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Vice President and Member of the European Parliament, Rapporteur EDF

Turning EU Military Level of Ambition into Reality

General Mikhail Kostarakos, Chairman, European Union Military Committee (EUMC)

Defence Capability Needs & Added Value of the EDF – EDA perspective and contribution

Jorge Domecq, Chief Executive, European Defence Agency (EDA)

Coffee Break 10:45 – 11:15

PANEL 1: THE EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND – THE COMMISSION’S PROPOSAL

11:15 – 12:45

This panel will give an in-depth view of the European Defence Fund by giving attention to its objectives, design and content. In particular it will focus on the integrative approach of combining research and capability development into one single fund. This will enable participants to get a deeper insight into the basic concept and the current legislative proposal from the European Commission for a regulation of the EDF. The opportunity to reflect on the proposal by pointing out the potentials and challenges from the viewpoint of different stakeholders will also provide valuable feedback for the ongoing discussion process on the European level.

Panelists **Lowri Evans**, Director General, Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW)

Jan Pie, Secretary General, AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD)

Frank Treppe, President, European Association of Research and Technology Organisations (EARTO)

Olli Ruutu, Deputy Chief Executive, European Defence Agency (EDA)

Jean-François Ripoche, R&T Director, Ministry of Defence, France

Moderator **Daniel Fiott**, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

Lunch break 12:45 – 13:45

PANEL 2: TOWARDS A COMPREHENSIVE FUND CONSISTENCY BETWEEN RESEARCH AND CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT IN PRACTICE

13:45 – 15:15

The EDF is designed to support the whole development chain from research to acquisition, yet the integration of research and development phases presents new opportunities as well as challenges to stakeholders. This panel will therefore focus on the interaction and consistency between research and capability development. Special attention will be given to the potential impact of capability development on the research phase. Furthermore it also aims at supporting stakeholders to develop new ideas and strategies on how to deal with the unprecedented integrated approach of the EDF and benefit from it.

Panelists **Philippe Brunet**, Director, Space Policy, Copernicus and Defence, DG GROW

Denis Roger, Director, European Synergies & Innovation, European Defence Agency (EDA)

Paul de Krom, CEO, TNO

Katarina Björklund, Vice President, Group Strategy, Saab AB

Norbert Haslacher, CEO, Frequentis

Moderator **Dick Zandee**, Clingendael Institute

SMART USE OF FINANCE FOR EU DEFENCE

15:45 – 16:45

The Expert Group on the EDF Financial Toolbox has explored risk-share solutions for the private sector, as well whether financial instruments could be a useful tool to address finance risks and vulnerabilities of the European defence supply chain. This panel will bring together senior officials from the Member States, experts on defence procurement and the promotional bank. It will address the design of financial instruments tailored for the needs and challenges of the European defence sector, and which support is needed to channel funding towards those in the defence sector with the highest innovative potential.

Panelists **Gunnar Muent**, Deputy Director-General, European Investment Bank

Pablo Gonzalez, Director, NATO & European Defence Programmes, Indra

Pierre Menet, Senior Advisor, European & International Affairs
Department, Groupe Caisse des Dépôts

Emilio Tuñón, Programme Manager, NATO Support and Procurement
Agency

Moderator **Kerstin Jorna**, Deputy Director-General, DG Economic and Financial Affairs

OUTLOOK:

THE EDF'S ADDED VALUE FOR EUROPE AND THE MEMBER STATES' PERSPECTIVE

16:45 – 17:30

Wolfgang Polt, Director Policies, Joanneum Research

Giedrimas Jeglinskas, Vice Minister of National Defence, Lithuania

Hubert Fuchs, State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria

POST-CONFERENCE SOCIAL EVENT

Departure at conference location: 18:00

Official begin: 19:00

Winery Fuhrgassl-Huber, Neustift am Walde 68, 1190 Vienna

This event will be organized in cooperation with the Austrian Security and Defence Industry Group. Transport is available, for details please refer to our website.

